

VARIED CAREER OF INCOMING WAR SECRETARY

"Bubbling Over With Brains and Humor," Says Man Who Knew Him as Student, Reporter, Judge, and Governor.

His Democratic Manner and Breezy Informality Will Be Revelation to "Red-Taped" Fossils of Department.

"Is Bill Taft a good fellow? Well, I should say he is! Just bubbling over with brains and good humor!"

The Yale man who paid this compliment to Judge W. H. Taft, who tomorrow becomes Secretary of War, knew him as Taft, Yale; Taft, a Cincinnati newspaper reporter; Taft, the judge; Taft, solicitor general for the United States, and Taft, governor of the Philippines.

In all these positions he has been the same good-natured, friendly, and with a distinguished father's reputation to live up to. Three hundred pounds of flesh and responsibility enough to crush an army of ordinary men have had little effect on the next Secretary of War. As he swung down the main corridor at the War Department yesterday he found time to extend a hearty welcome to colored messengers he has known for years.

Breezy Atmosphere.
Army officers are rubbed the wrong way occasionally by the democratic manner of Judge Taft. He is apt to sit on Lieutenant General Chaffee's desk and flick a few ashes on the immaculate floor in an absent-minded sort of way. In the past this breezy informality is said to have gone against General Chaffee's grain.

In fact, there is said to have been a little coldness between the governor and General Chaffee when they were both in Manila, but Governor Taft was too busy establishing order in the new possession to observe all the rules of etiquette prescribed for the regular army. And with Judge Taft at the head of the War Department it is not likely anyone will endeavor to give him additional coaching in how to approach an officer of high rank.

Nobody ever dreamed of calling Secretary Root by his first name. Of course nobody knows exactly how to pronounce Elihu, but the reserved, dignified manner of the Secretary of War has never encouraged many of his most intimate friends to try it.

Unlike in Make-Up.
Two men were never born who are more unlike than Mr. Root and Mr. Taft. One is the reserved, dignified, scholarly type, admired by all persons who know him. The other is the half-fellow well met, with unlimited brain power and the fortunate gift of being able to make a friend of every man who comes near him.

At a glance one can tell Secretary Root did not come from west of the Alleghenies. The Eastern brand shows on him as clearly as a burnt scar on the flank of a mustang. His short side-



ELIHU ROOT.



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

burns and the hair combed down over his forehead without a part mark him as a product of the East.

Is Fond of Working.
Mr. Taft is a type which might be found almost anywhere west of the Ohio River. He has the frankness and cordiality which seem to go with newer States. He might be either a Southerner or a far West man. In fact he is rather more like a Pacific Coast man than the average Ohioan. He has the careless shuffle of a mining camp. Walking is not a fine art with him. It is the means of getting to places, and getting there without delay.

Judge Taft's face is almost boyish. His skin is clear and free from wrinkles, and his light-colored mustache does not add years to his appearance. His flesh is so well scattered over his six feet of frame that one cannot think of him as a man who has ever had anything but the best of health.

But it is fortunate that Mr. Taft and Mr. Root are so unlike. They are the complement of each other. To them fell the chief problems to be solved in handling the new possessions of the United States, and the confidence which they have in each other, and the harmony in which they have worked have brought about the present satisfactory condition of affairs in the Philippines.

Had His Own Views.
When Judge Taft was summoned to Washington from Cincinnati and asked to take a place on the Philippine Commission, he hesitated. He then believed the United States should not hold the islands. But he changed his mind. He decided it wise to retain them, and set about bettering conditions there with an optimism in strange contrast to the army officers who have always felt shaky on the future of the Philippines.

Judge Taft can see the good in everything. He associated for years with Filipinos, was their friend, learned to know and trust them, and believes the population of the islands can be brought up to the high standard set by prominent natives who are men of affairs in Manila and other cities in the Philippines.

Secretary Root was the man to direct the Washington end of the insular

problem and Mr. Taft was as surely the right man to carry out the plans of the Secretary of War, always change them in such a manner that they would not conflict with conditions which nobody understood as well as Mr. Taft.

Wide Knowledge of Men.
Friends of Mr. Taft in Manila nicknamed him "Judge Taft," and the point was well taken. His knowledge of men and wide experience in affairs of all sorts enabled him to look far into the future.

When army officers wanted to rule with an iron hand Judge Taft restrained them. He exercised real restraint in the establishment of civil government where it could succeed, and in the retention of military rule where the natives were not ready for gentler methods.

When presidents were false to the United States Judge Taft always knew it. But he frequently prevented military authorities from exposing the duplicity of the presidents, urging that they must soon realize the futility of opposing the United States and would be better citizens as a result of not having been humbled.

Skill as Diplomat.

Judge Taft's skillful handling of the friar land controversy and the purchase of the church lands at a price satisfactory both to the United States and to the Vatican shows his skill as a diplomatist better, perhaps, than any other achievement. Divorcing church and state in the Philippines was no easy task, but Governor Taft was equal to the emergency. The friars could not return to their lands and a serious religious controversy was threatened.

The entire trouble was laid before Pope Leo by Governor Taft, who paid a visit to Rome. While critics of the Administration were criticizing, Judge Taft was negotiating, and with his assistance Secretary Root was able to complete the purchase of the lands several weeks ago.

A Colonial Office.

Under the general staff act the office of Secretary of War really becomes a colonial office. The work of the department is so arranged that its head

may devote much time to the insular possessions. Staff officers assume many of the duties formerly performed by the Secretary.

With rare judgment Secretary Root framed this bill, and with equally rare judgment President Roosevelt chose Mr. Taft to succeed Mr. Root and take charge of the possessions concerning which he knows more than any other man.

Although his health was wrecked by the tropical climate Governor Taft remained in the Philippines to carry out his plans for the betterment of conditions there. He refused a place on the bench of the United States Supreme Court, and was only persuaded to leave the islands when the war portfolio was offered to him. His father had held the office and it had always been his ambition to have the same place in the Cabinet.

Secretary Root has faced more trying situations than any other man who ever served Secretary of War. The Spanish war brought problems which were new. There were no precedents, but Mr. Root was the man to do pioneering, and he remained with the office until he saw his plans for the improvement of the new possessions in excellent working order.

Cuba Hard Problem.

Cuba was one of the most stubborn problems he had to deal with. With political clamoring for the freedom of Cuba, he held the island firmly until it was ready to take charge of its own government.

Then came the creation of a government for the Philippines. Mr. Root saw the necessity for reorganization of the army, and accomplished it, creating a general staff which he believes will do away with much of the friction which has formerly existed in the service.

The reorganization of the State militia came about under his direction, and the Dick bill will soon harmonize all the State military organizations.

When Mr. Root retires tomorrow, and resumes his law practice he may well be proud of the fact that President Roosevelt has declared him the greatest Secretary of War the nation has ever had, a declaration that is seconded by all thoughtful students of military affairs.

MINISTER TAKAHIRA'S DIPLOMATIC CAREER

Level-Headed Japanese Representative Well Fitted to Advise as to Korean Affairs.

Japan's diplomatists are playing the stiffest game of their lives just now. While war threatens in the East, all the world is counting on these cool-headed officials with their arts of diplomacy to bring peace out of discord and to avert a conflict.

Though far removed in actual distance from the scene of the threatened outbreak, Japan's diplomatic representative in Washington, Kogoro Takahira, is in close touch with all the phases of the negotiations and is kept daily informed by cable. On account of the acute crisis in the East, the minister's work has been doubled. There are many ramifications of the negotiations which are of extreme importance for attention by the legation here. The minister's office at 1319 N Street, with the secretaries and attaches of the legation, is a busy place at all hours of the day, and often the minister is engaged in desk work until a late hour of the night.

Few outsiders realize the vast amount of detail and increased correspondence brought on by a situation like that now threatening war between Russia and Japan. Fortunately for Mr. Takahira, he is well prepared for any emergency, having had an experience of twenty-seven years in the diplomatic service. Mr. Takahira is particularly conversant with the various affairs which mutually

interest the United States and Japan, and he is also familiar with affairs in Korea, having served there as consul general and later as minister.

It is known that his advice as to the present status of Korea has been sought in the present crisis. Minister Takahira is regarded as peculiarly a type of the New Japan. He has none of the ideas which obtained in the ancient feudal life of Samurai and Shogun. He speaks and writes fluently in several European languages and is a thorough scholar in the intricate literature of his own country.

Mr. Takahira has risen rapidly in the diplomatic service. After completing his education in Tokyo he entered the foreign service in 1878. In 1879 he was appointed attaché to the Japanese legation in Washington and became secretary two years later. He was made charge d'affaires in Korea in 1885, acting consul general at Shanghai in 1887, and later consul general at New York. Next he was sent to Holland as minister resident, then as minister to Italy for three years.

Mr. Takahira was appointed to the Washington legation in 1900. With him as his principal assistants in the diplomatic work on which he is now engaged are Count Mutsu, first secretary; Durham White Stevens, counselor of legation; and Masanao Hamahara, third secretary.

INDIANS WILL ATTEND ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH
Osage Chiefs and Followers to Witness the Service.

Decked out in their best Sunday clothes eighteen Indians who are here from Oklahoma will attend the 11 o'clock service at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, North Capitol and I Streets, today. They will be escorted to the church by J. Daly, an employee of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, whom the Indians asked to do the honors for them.

The redskins are members of the Osage Tribe, and they are headed by Chief James Big Heart and Assistant Chief Shumako. The two chiefs are devout Catholics, and some of the others who accompany them want to see the church from curiosity.

The Indians will wear civilian garb instead of blankets and beads.

NATIVES IN CANTON INCITED TO ARSON
CANTON, Jan. 30.—Placards were posted throughout the city last evening inciting the natives to burn the European quarter.

The consuls of the various nations have demanded an explanation from the viceroy.

WASHINGTON FILIPINOS GIVE TAFT GLAD HAND

Torres Brothers Tell a Times Reporter What They Think About His Administration in the Philippines.

AMONG those who gave Governor Taft cordial welcome upon his arrival in Washington were Antonio C. Torres and Louis P. Torres, two native Filipinos. Both are an associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippines, and who knew Governor Taft intimately while he was in control of the islands. They were at the Pennsylvania station when Governor Taft got off the train, and were among the first to shake hands with him.

Catching On.
The Torres brothers have been in Washington about two years. One is a clerk in the Insular Bureau of the War Department and the other is a clerk in the Census Office. Both are studying law at the Columbian University. After they were graduated from college at Manila, their father suggested that they come to America to complete their studies, which they did. In another year and a half they will be graduated from Columbian, and return to Manila to take up the practice of law. Both brothers say that Governor Taft enjoyed unusual popularity with the natives and that they have information from home to the effect that the demonstration that took place upon his departure was unparalleled in the history of the islands.

Just Found Him Out.
"When Governor Taft first came to Manila as governor of the islands," said Antonio Torres to a reporter for The Sunday Times, "the Filipinos did not know him at all. They had no preconceived opinion of him one way or the other, and their attitude was one of watchfulness and expectancy. They knew that his powers were great, but they did not know how he would use them."

"In a very short while, however, they began to see that Governor Taft and his associate members of the Philippine Commission had the best interests of the natives at heart, and that they were disposed to be most friendly to the people of the islands. Little by little the new governor gained the confidence and good will of the Filipinos, and as time went on it became evident that this confidence was not misplaced. Of course there were certain elements who did not like him, but those were of the adventurer class, against whom the governor was protecting the Filipinos."

A Good American.
"From the very first Governor Taft did all he could to gain the good will and friendship of the natives in a straightforward and honest manner. He soon got on terms of personal friendship with people of prominence among them. His associations with the Filipinos he

DIVIDED HIS MONEY AMONG HIS FRIENDS

Traveling Salesman Left \$100,000 to Men He Had Learned to Love.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Alexander Just left his entire fortune to be divided among the men whose friendship he had formed in business life and with whom he spent most of his time. His estate amounts to a little less than \$100,000.

Mr. Just was a bachelor, about forty-six years old, when he died, on January 18. He had no near relatives, it is said. For more than twenty years Mr. Just was a traveling salesman, connected with a large dry goods firm, and several of his intimate friends, who are clerks and salesmen connected with that firm, are remembered in his will. James O. Halsey receives his entire residuary estate, after the payment of bequests to eight other friends, aggregating \$50,000.

BROKEN MAIN FLOODS FIVE HUNDRED HOUSES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—About 500 dwellings in the northwestern section of the city were flooded this morning. The flood was caused by the breaking of a reservoir main at Twenty-seventh Street and Montgomery Avenue.

"PARR'S REST" A REFUGE FOR OLD INFIRM WOMEN

Testator Thought Such Place "Worth Half a Hundred Carnegie Libraries."

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 30.—By his will, made public yesterday, Capt. Daniel Parr, who died here recently, leaves immediately \$400,000 in personality, and after the death of his last grandchild \$450,000 in realty, or his entire estate, toward the establishment and maintenance of "Parr's Rest," a refuge for old and infirm women.

Captain Parr refrained from making a will until a short time ago, when, after seeing an aged woman, poorly clad and sick, he remarked: "A refuge which would make unnecessary such suffering at that woman's would be worth half a hundred Carnegie libraries."

Captain Parr was seventy-nine years old. Heirs at law probably will contest the will.

SUCH A HAPPY TOWN.

BRISTOL, Pa., Jan. 30.—Tullytown, three miles above Bristol, has 700 inhabitants, and not a doctor, lawyer, shoemaker, preacher, or justice of the peace among them. It's a happy town, too.

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Annual Mid-Winter Sale Notions and Toilet Articles

The Notions---

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Double-woven Initials, in many combinations; usual price, 10c. Special.....	4c	Large Cubes, containing 100 all-black or assorted pins. Special.....	4c
Silk Chiffon Collar Forms, in black and white; point and straight. Special.....	7c	Fast Black Darning Cotton, on spools. Special.....	1c
Good Black Sewing Silk, in A and B; stamped 100 yards. Special, 3 for.....	5c	Spring Hooks and Eyes, in best sizes. Sale price, 1c card; 6 cards for.....	5c
5-4 Black Tubular Shoe Laces, good quality. Special, dozen.....	4c	3-yard pieces White Cotton Tape, in all widths. Sale price.....	1c
Brown's French Shoe Dressing, for ladies' and children's shoes. Special, bottle.....	7c	Black Toilet Pins, with solid heads. Ounce boxes, sale price.....	2c
Good nickel-plated Safety Pins, in sizes 1, 2, and 3. Special, card.....	3c	Boxes containing assorted Mourning Pins, with glass heads. Sale price.....	1c
"Fronde" Steel Safety Pins, 1/2 dozen on card. Special.....	1c	60-inch Double-stitched Tape Measure. Sale price.....	2c
Best quality Mohair Corset Laces, 5 yards each. Sale price.....	4c	500-yard Spools Good Basting Cotton; regular price, 5c. Sale price.....	3c
Extra large Tomato Pin Cushions. Sale price.....	4c	Canvas Collar Forms, in black and white. Sale price, collar.....	2c
Non-Twist Tape, in assorted widths. Sale price, bunch.....	3c	Aluminum Thimbles, in all sizes. Sale price, dozen.....	5c
F. P. C. Ironing Wax, the best made; regular price, 5c. Sale price, 3 pieces for.....	5c	Hair Pin Cabinets, containing good assortment hair pins. Sale price.....	2c
Taffeta Seam Binding, in all colors; 10c quality. Sale price, piece.....	6c	Papers, containing 400 good Dress-makers Pins. Sale price, 3 5c.....	5c
3-yard pieces Cotton Casing, in black and colors. Piece.....	7c	21-yard pieces good Cotton Tape, white and black. Sale price.....	6c
One-piece Bone Collar Buttons. Sale price, dozen.....	2c	Smith's Blue Label Needles, in all numbers. Sale price.....	2c

Toilet Goods---

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Gypsy Violet Soap, regular price, 5c. 3 cakes for.....	10c	M. & L. Florida Water, bottle.....	44c
Maiden's Choice Soap; regular price, 5c. 3 cakes for.....	10c	471 Glycerine Soap.....	42c
Elderflower Soap; regular price, 5c. 3 cakes for.....	10c	Williams' Shaving Soap.....	6c
Turkish Bath Soap 3 cakes for.....	10c	Lyons' Tooth Powder.....	13c
Pears' Glycerine Toilet Soap.....	10c	Woodbury's Facial Soap, cake.....	12c
Mennen's Borated and Violet Talcum, can.....	11c	Dr. Pray's Rosaline and Nail Enamel.....	15c
Mason's Perfumed Talcum Powder, 3 for.....	10c	Sosodont Tooth Powder.....	17c
Park & Tilford's Imported Bay Rum, bottle.....	35c	Carmel Pure Castile Soap, 3 cakes for.....	25c
Hyett's Ammonia, large bottle.....	10c	Special Brand Toilet Waters, bottle.....	19c
Viol's Rubifonia, bottle.....	17c	Packer's Tar Soap, cake.....	13c
R. & G. Vera Violette, 1 1/2-ounce bottle.....	\$1.00	Cuticura Soap, cake.....	17c
Woodworth's Violets of Sicily, bottle.....	50c	Listerine, small size, bottle.....	19c
Houbigant's Ideal Perfume, ounce.....	\$1.50	Violet Soap, one in tin box, each.....	9c
		Woodworth's Blue Lilies, oz. 23c.....	23c
		Woodworth's Wild Irish Rose, ounce.....	23c

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